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Official meetings

Security Council

10:00 — 7857th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Conflict prevention and sustaining peace

   Letter dated 4 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/6)

[Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.]

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
Executive Board

11:00 to 13:00 — Informal briefing [webcast] — Conference Room 5

On UN-Women's humanitarian work

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

10:30 to 11:00 — 1st meeting — Conference Room 6

Elections of the officers for 2017

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Informal briefings

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal briefings on:

a) Evaluation report and Management response; and

b) UNICEF financial report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 and Report of the Board of Auditors

All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

11:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal briefing on the preparations for the High-level dialogue entitled "Building Sustainable Peace for All: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining peace", to be held on 24 January 2017

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 December 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Thursday, 12 January 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/217, the President of the General Assembly will convene a briefing by the Co-Chairs of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro

Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers.

Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*. For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24*@*un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 1

Partnership with regional organizations and African Union-United Nations partnership

Thursday, 12 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 1

Intelligence

Friday, 13 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 1

Welfare and recreation

Briefing for new delegates

Friday, 13 January 2017

15:00 Conference Room 11

The Chair of the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a briefing (closed), for new delegates of the Special Committee.

2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment

Monday, 16 January 2017

Plenary meeting

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Sub-Working Group – Major Equipment

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Sub-Working Group – Self-Sustainment

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Sub-Working Group – Medical Support Service

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Tuesday, 17, to Friday, 20 January 2017 and
Monday, 23, to Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Plenary meeting

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Sub-Working Group – Major Equipment

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Sub-Working Group – Self-Sustainment

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Sub-Working Group – Medical Support Service

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Bureau Elections

Monday, 16 January 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the Rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017.

Informal briefing

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

10:00 to 12:00 Conference Room 9

Informal orientation briefing for new members of the UN-Women Executive Board

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Pre-session informal meeting

Thursday, 26 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

Pre-session informal meeting in advance of the first regular session of 2017 of the Executive Board of UN-Women

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on Corporate Evaluation on UN-Women Regional Architecture

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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal meeting

Thursday, 12 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

On behalf of the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) will hold an informal meeting with Member States of the Asia-Pacific Group on "countering the activities of ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities to incite and recruit individuals to commit terrorist acts".

The Council's presidential statement of 11 May 2016 (S/PRST/2016/6) requested the Counter-Terrorism Committee, in close consultations with CTED and other relevant United Nations bodies and international and regional organizations, in particular the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, as well as interested Member States, to present a proposal to the Council by 30 April 2017 for a "comprehensive international framework" to effectively counter, in compliance with international law, the ways that ISIL, Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities use their narratives to encourage, motivate, and recruit others to commit terrorist acts.

In this regard, the objective of the informal meeting is to share initial findings and seek further input from Member States of the Asia Pacific Group on the development of a comprehensive international framework pursuant to S/PRST/2016/6. Similar meetings will be organized for other regional groups during January 2017.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Matteo Sestito, Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (e-mail sestito@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4112).

Economic and Social Council

2017 session

Youth Forum

Monday, 30 to Tuesday, 31 January 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its sixth youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity in a changing world.

A ministerial roundtable on youth issues and youth engagement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will be held immediately following the opening segment.

In view of the interactive nature of the youth forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes* (*five minutes* for groups).

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to anticipate, should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o alejandrino@un.org, with a copy to simonp@un.org) *no later than noon on Friday, 27 January 2017*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the youth forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept note, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2017 regular session

Monday, 30 January to Wednesday, 8 February and
Tuesday, 21 February 2017 Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2017/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (please *click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-fifth session
Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 27 January 2017*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations. To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

United Nations Children's Fund
Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

Monday, 23 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 1

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017)

The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Private Fundraising and Partnerships: 2017 workplan and proposed budget; (b) Updated road map to and outline of the Strategic Plan for 2018-2021; and (c) Assessment of ways to enhance results-based budgeting and assessment of the resource allocation system.

First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

The upcoming 2017 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*).

UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations.

To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge).

UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Lyano (e-mail dlyano@unicef.org)).

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the

statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Working Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests

Monday, 16, to Friday, 20 January 2017 Conference Room 2

The Working Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests will convene, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 of 22 July 2015.

Background information and related documentation for the working group are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

Special session

Friday, 20 January 2017 Conference Room 2

The special session of the Forum will be held immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the working group.

For inclusion in the list of participants for the special session, delegations are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Forum, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information and related documentation for the special session are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website (*click here*). For additional information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Elections of the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017

Monday, 16 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 1B

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2017, followed by the pre-session informal consultation.

First regular session 2017

Monday, 30 January to Friday, 3 February 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (*click here*).

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org, with copy to ferguson@unfpa.org, *as early as possible, but not later than Monday, 23 January 2017*.

The first regular session 2017 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org.

As per established practice, the first regular session 2017 will be *PaperSmart*. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org.

Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail *papersmart@un.org*), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot.

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 4

African Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Briefing on "The Role of Diamonds in Fueling Conflicts" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 12 January 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hessa Al Ateibi, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates (e-mail h.alateibi@mofaic.gov.ae; tel. 1 (212) 371-0480).

Panel discussion on "Pathways to Sustainability: Thailand's Sufficiency Economy Philosophy" and launch of the first volume of the *South-South In Action Publication Series*, entitled "Sustainability in Thailand: Experience for Developing Countries" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand)

Thursday, 12 January 2017

18:30 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Monzon, Permanent Mission of Thailand (e-mail mita.thaimission@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 754-2230, ext. 1861).

Group of 77 (governmental meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from the Kingdom of Thailand to the Republic of Ecuador) (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 13 January 2017

10:00 to 17:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Event entitled "One Year of Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) Implementation: Achievements and Prospects for Sustainability" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation and the Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS))

Monday, 16 January 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, contact Mr. Vadim V. Sergeev, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation (e-mail sergeev.un@ya.ru; tel. 1 (212) 861-4900).

Event entitled "The role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in accelerating the achievement of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF 2017), eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in our 'digital' world" (organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU))

Wednesday, 18 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office (e-mail london@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6121).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2017*:

Introduction to UN Documents (English, French)

Security Council Documentation

Introduction to Library Services

Finding Speeches (English, French)

Voting Information (English, French)

General Assembly Documentation

Treaty Research

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19 to 30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral), as well as, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free.

Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available. For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Traités multilatéraux déposés auprès du Secrétaire général]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Acceptance: Finland (9 January 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Burundi
His Excellency Albert Shingiro

Asia-Pacific States
Lebanon
His Excellency Nawaf Salam

Eastern European States
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

Latin American and Caribbean States
Cuba
Her Excellency Ana Silvia Rodríguez Abascal
Chargé d'Affaires

Western European and other States
Switzerland
His Excellency Jürg Lauber

General Assembly
Seventy-first session

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the *list of speakers* of plenary meetings of the General Assembly are kindly requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal available at http://delegate.un.int. The e-Speakers link to inscribe for the plenary meetings *is open*. An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM help-desk (help-desk@un.org). For any other inquiries regarding the list of speakers, please contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org).

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The submission and co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary will take place via General Assembly Plenary Sponsorship in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int. Permanent Missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail stein-holmes@un.org, Room S-3044) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the Missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal.

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (b), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73,

73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

Delegations requesting *issuance of communications* addressed to the Secretary-General as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1.

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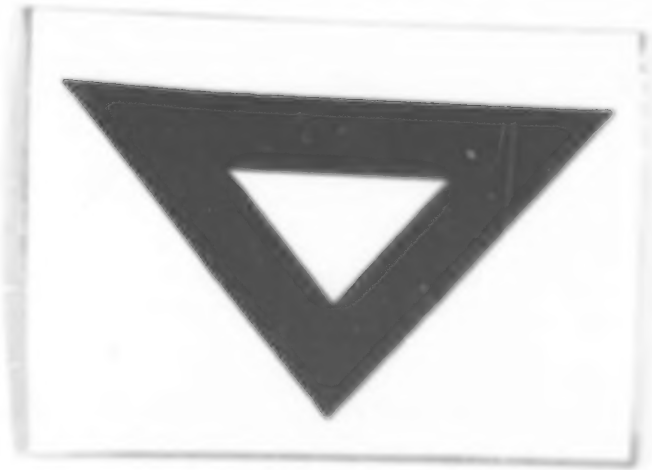

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